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FOR: INCORPORATION OF PERFORMANCE IN
MODEL-BASED OPC ENGINE UTILIZING
EFFICIENT POLYGON PINNING METHOD

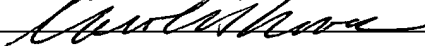
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT-ELECTION OF SPECIES

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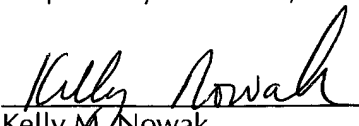
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 9, 2007, and the restriction requirement made therein, applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-19 and 30, drawn to a model-based OPC without polygons, for continued examination herein.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that 35 USC § 121 authorizes restriction only when the claimed invention is "independent and distinct" (emphasis added). A search of the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-19 and 30, would necessarily require a search of the subject matter of Group II, claims 20-29. Thus the method delineated in Group II is not directed to an independent and distinct matter.

Respectfully submitted,


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